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Office Action Summary

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Period for Response

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a response be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period of response is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to respond within the set or extended period for response will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- This action is FINAL.
- Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- Claim(s) 1-5 & 7-30 ____ is/are pending in the application.
Of the above, claim(s) 4, 5, 7 & 10 ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- Claim(s) 1-3, 8, 9 and 11-30 ____ is/are rejected.
- Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- Claims ____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- See the attached Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- The proposed drawing correction, filed on ____ is approved disapproved.
- The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Status of Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
 - received.
 - received in Application No. ____.
 - received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: ____.

Attachment(s)

- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449
- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Other

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PART III: REASONS FOR REJECTIONS AND OBJECTIONS

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 25, 26, 27 and 29 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The phrases "but not limited to" and "by not limited to" ("by" should apparently be "but") render the claims indefinite. The purposes of the claim language is to provide limitations which will define the metes and bounds of the claimed invention. The above quoted phrases fail to provide the metes and bounds needed to understand the scope of the claimed invention.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 USC 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1-3, 8, 9 and 11-30 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Basch et al.

Applicant's arguments filed May 22, 2003, have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive. Applicant argues that Basch et al does not disclose report records used for testing and updating strategies. It is old and well known in the art of software development to use test data, either made-up or real data, to test both a software program and upgrades to a software program. The use of report records in such testing is inherent in the development of the software in Basch et al. Applicant also argues that Basch et al does not disclose an integratable interface module for facilitating data exchange. Basch et al shows the integration of many computers (see figures 1, 3A, 3B and 4) that exchange data among themselves. Applicant further argues that Basch et al does not disclose an end user client for implementation in a personal computer and for exchanging information with data center. The above referenced figures show the use of many computers that could easily be styled personal computers, that term mean a desktop computer as opposed to a mainframe type computer, and the use of those computers to exchange data with a data center. An end user client is just the person using the final system.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Rice at (703) 308-3495. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist at (703) 308-1113.



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